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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Pei-Ran WANG

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FOR: COMBINATION OF AN DPP-IV INHIBITOR AND A PPAR-ALPHA COMPOUND

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1460 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of December 5, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 5, 2007. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1,136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$450 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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